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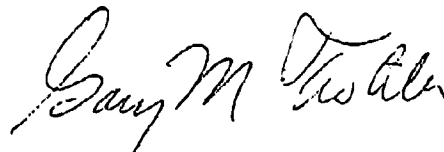
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This is intended to urge you to support a prompt settlement of the Microsoft anti-trust case. This case has been around tooooo long; it has seen litigation, negotiation and mediation. There now exists a settlement proposal acceptable to the court, the major parties and the majority of state party complainants. The settlement is a fair compromise between the parties' adverse positions and should also quell the concerns of the federal government. In short there is no rational reason to further prolong this controversy.

The settlement keeps Microsoft sole, whole and functioning. Microsoft's concessions include rendering itself answerable to a new oversight committee for any future anti-competitive practices. Microsoft will now open its Windows systems up to use by non-Microsoft software, reconfiguring Windows not just to accept competitors' products but also to promote such use. Microsoft will now take steps to share portions of its technologies in order to promote competition and innovation. Microsoft, in essence, will alter its corporate marketing philosophy to embrace its competition. This seems to me to be adequate consideration for a settlement.

Please also urge your colleagues in the administration to expedite an end to this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gary M. Tishler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" being the most prominent.

Gary M. Tishler